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INFORMATION DISPLAY FOR A PASSENGER CONVEYOR

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

The document CN 1173459 was cited in a corresponding Chinese application. The Office Action from the Chinese Patent Office includes the following statement regarding the CN 1173459 reference.

Claim 1 seeks to protect a device for use with a passenger conveyor. D1 (CN1173459A) discloses an indicator device for calling elevator on every floor and specifically discloses (See paragraph 7 on page 4 to last paragraph on page 5 and Figs. 1, 4-1, 4-2) the following technical features: comprising display 2, display 2 indicating the direction of movement of the elevator when the elevator is under normal operation, when the elevator malfunctions, said display is able to indicate the maintenance jobs, the specifies of the failure, the maintenance situation (equivalent to a variable, visible indication of maintenance information). It is thus made known that D1 has disclosed all technical features of claim 1 and that Claim 1 and reference 1 are of the same technical field; they have adopted the same technical solution to resolve the same technical problem and are capable of achieving the same technical results. Therefore, claim 1 does not possess novelty as prescribed by Article 22.2 of the Patent Law.

In addition to this statement, Applicant submits the English abstract of the CN 1173459 reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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